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MONTHLY SEISMIC CREW COUNT

(Month of May, 1990)

According to the Society of Exploration Geophysicists' latest report, the number of seismic land crews and marine vessels searching for oil and gas in the U.S. and U.S. waters increased during May. The land crew total increased by three to 104, and the marine crew increased by one for a total of 129 crews and vessels.

The May total (129) represents an increase of 3% over last month, a 2% increase over May, 1989, a 34% decrease from May, 1988, an 22% decrease from May, 1987, a 32% decrease from May, 1986, a 65% decrease from May, 1985, and **a decrease of 74% from the same month in 1984. Note: The above percentages of increase/decrease were inadvertently miscalculated for the months of January - April, 1990. If you would like to update your records with the correct percentages, please contact SEG at 918-493-3516.**

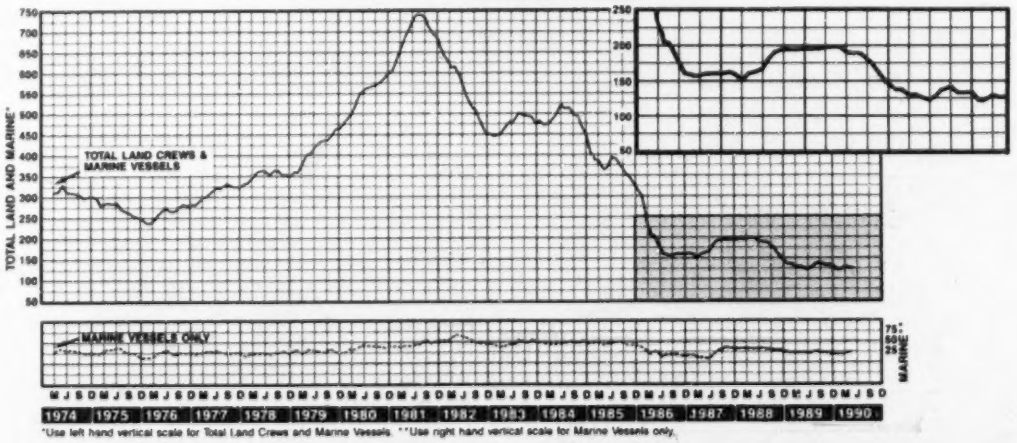
During May, two contractors were operating two of the 96 land crews and none of the twenty-two marine vessels on a speculative basis.

TOTAL LAND & MARINE CREWS:	This Month	Last Month	May '89	May '88	May '87	May '86	May '85	May '84
	129	125	126	194	166	191	364	490

	LAND CREWS								MARINE VESSELS							
	This Mo.	Last Mo.	May 1989	May 1988	May 1987	May 1986	May 1985	May 1984	This Mo.	Last Mo.	May 1989	May 1988	May 1987	May 1986	May 1985	May 1984
34 Contr's:	96	93	95	149	131	148	293	406	22	21	19	25	17	14	35	38
5 Oil Co's:	8	8	9	15	15	24	30	38	2	2	3	4	3	5	5	8
1 Gov't:	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	0
TOTALS	104	101	104	164	146	172	323	444	25	24	22	30	20	19	41	46

SEISMIC CREW COUNT

(The leading indicator of oil and gas exploration activity.)



*Use left hand vertical scale for Total Land Crews and Marine Vessels. **Use right hand vertical scale for Marine Vessels only.

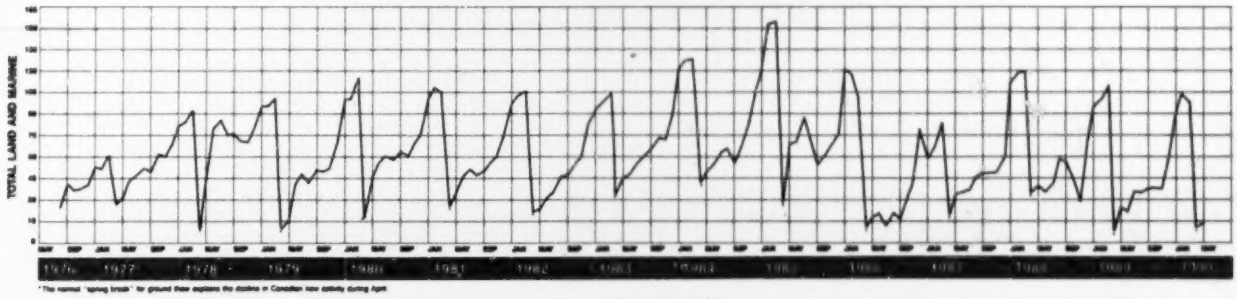
*Results of SEG's Seismic Crew Count of land and marine vessels engaged in exploration for oil and gas in the USA and USA waters, including Alaska, for the month indicated. These figures are compiled from data reported by oil companies operating company-owned seismic exploration crews and vessels and by contract seismic exploration companies. Special significance is attached to seismic crew activity since it is recognized as the leading indicator of all petroleum exploration activity.

CANADIAN SEISMIC CREW COUNT

May, 1990 (April figures in parentheses)

	Land Crews	Marine Crews
20 Contractors:	27 (10)	1 (1)
1 Oil Company:	1 (0)	0 (0)
Totals:	28 (10)	1 (1)

CANADIAN SEISMIC CREW COUNT
(The leading indicator of oil and gas exploration activity.)



SEG's monthly USA Seismic Crew survey was instigated in 1974 at the request of the United States' Federal Energy Administration. The report is currently submitted to the U.S. Department of Energy.

HISTORY OF SEISMIC EXPLORATION IN THE UNITED STATES
(Seismic crews searching for oil & gas.)